IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, paragraph 29, please replace with the paragraph below:

Magnetic pawl 44 includes a permanent magnet and is pivotally mounted about pivot H onto chassis 24. End 44A of magnetic pawl 44 includes abutment 54, 56 and 58, which will be further described below

Page 5, paragraph 39, please replace with the paragraph below:

Note that in a preferred embodiment the centre of gravity of magnetic pawl 44 is substantially at pivot H since, in the event of a road traffic accident, such an arrangement will not tend to rotate the pawl as a result of acceleration or deceleration occurring during the accident.

Page 7, paragraph 59, please replace with the paragraph below:

It should be noted that whilst abutment 22 has being caused to move, in view of the fact that it was initially mis-aligned with pawl pin 14, such movement has resulted in abutment 22 bypassing pawl pin 14 and not imparting any movement to pawl pin 14. Thus whilst the inside or outside handle has been moved, the door has not become unlatched. Note that in further embodiments it is possible to arrange an abutment such as abutment 22 to be permanently aligned with a latch release element such as pawl pin 14 [[~~42~~]] but remote therefrom such that with the latch arrangement in a locked condition the abutment approaches the pawl pin but does not move it and with the latch arrangement in an unlocked condition the abutment approaches, engages and then moves the pawl pin.

Pages 9 and 10 paragraph 73, please replace with the paragraph below:

As mentioned above the control means 18 has two ways of preventing rotation of the lock/unlock lever 32, namely by permanently ~~energizing energisation of~~ the windings 46 or by movement of magnetic pawl 44 to the position as shown in figure 1B. In further embodiments, in particular when no power release P is provided, the control means can be used to simply lock and unlock the vehicle e.g. when parked. As such it is only necessary for the windings 46 to be pulsed to move the magnetic between the positions as shown in figures 1A and figure 1B. As such the electromagnet 42 is not required to attract lock/unlock lever 32 which can therefore be made of a non ferromagnetic material, such as a plastics material. Under these circumstances it is necessary to have a manual override system operable by the inside handle (but not the outside handle) such that when the inside handle is moved the magnetic pawl 44, if in the position as shown in figure 1B, is moved to the position as shown in figure 1A. Once the magnetic pawl is in the position as shown in figure 1A, the latch release mechanism 16 can then operate in its two stage manner i.e. alignment of abutment 22 with pawl pin14 followed by movement of pawl pin14 from position A to position B as shown in figure 1 to open the latch. Under such an arrangement it is preferable that the release mechanism 16 fully returns to the rest position upon release of the inside handle i.e. abutment 22 becomes mis-aligned with pawl pin 14.